(b) if so, the corrective steps taken to keep prices of pulses down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. According to the First Advance Estimates of agricultural production for 2002-03 the production of pulses during Kharif 2002 is expected to be less than the estimated production during Kharif 2001.

(b) Efforts are being made to increase the production of pulses in the country through the implementation of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP). Besides this, to meet the demand supply gap the import of pulses is allowed under Open General License (OGL) to keep the prices of pulses at a reasonable level.

Procurement of copra by NAFED

2365. SHRI CO. POULOSE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether NAFED had started procurement of copra this season, on the new MSP;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. NAFED has undertaken procurement of copra under PSS in Andaman and Nicobar, Lakshadweep and Goa as per following details:—

State	Qty. (MTs)
A&N	4722
Lakshadwep	1172
Goa	315
TOTAL	6209

(c) Question does not arise.

NOC from NAFED for export of foodgrains

†2366. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) to which countries foodgrains have been exported by NAFED

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.